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AT THE SAME TIME THE UNITED STATES DECLARED IT WOULD BE GLAD TO DISCUSS SOVIET CHARGES IN REGARD TO SUCH FLIGHTS IN THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL. THIS COUNTRY IS ALWAYS GLAD TO DEBATE ANY CHARGE MADE AGAINST IT, THE GOVERNMENT SAID.

A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT AFTER CONFERENCES AMONG TOP OFFICIALS INCLUDING PRESIDENT EISENHOWER COMPLETELY BACKED UP THE OPERATIONS OF THE STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND. HOWEVER, IT SERVED BLUNT NOTICE ON THE SOVIET UNION THAT ITS PROTEST WAS BEING CONSIDERED HERE AS FALSE, AND SAC WOULD MAKE NO CHANGE IN OPERATIONS.

THESE OPERATIONS ARE "THE MAINSTAY OF THE FREE WORLD'S DETERRENT POSITION" AGAINST SOVIET POWER, THE STATEMENT SAID,

ONE OF THE GREAT TROUBLES WITH THE WORLD TODAY, THE UNITED STATES SAID, IS THAT WHAT HAPPENS BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN TO MENACE THE FREE WORLD IS CAREFULLY HIDDEN UNDER RUSSIA'S CURTAIN OF SECRECY.

"WHAT WE DO IS PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE, " THE STATEMENT SAID.

THE MORE DETAILED STATE DEPARTMENT DISCLAIMER FOLLOWER BY ABOUT AN HOUR AND A HALF A WHITE HOUSE DENIAL OF THE ACCUSATIONS MADE BY TOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO.

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UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)-THE SOVIET UNION TODAY CALLED FOR AN

URGENT MEETING OF THE U. N. SECURITY COUNCIL TO HALT ALLEGED PROVOCA-

TIVE FLIGHTS OF U. S. MILITARY PLANES.

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THE REQUEST WAS DELIVERED BY SOVIET DELEGATE ARKADY A. SOBOLEV A FEW HOURS AFTER FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO ACCUSED THE UNITED STATES OF SENDING PLANES ARMED WITH NUCLEAR BOMBS OVER THE NORTH POLE TOWARD THE U. S. S. R.

THE SOVIET DELEGATE REQUESTED THAT THE COUNCIL MEET TOMORROW. LT1257PES 4/28

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THE SOVIET DEMAND WAS CONTAINED IN A LETTER TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S APRIL PRESIDENT, U. S. AMBASSADOR HENRY CABOT LODGE, BUT THE LETTER WAS HANDED TO U. N. SECRETARY GENERAL DAG HAMMARSKJOLD.

THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE INDICATION WHETHER LODGE WOULD COMPLY WITH THE REQUEST FOR A SATURDAY MEETING, BUT MEETINGS ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE ARE PERMITTED UNDER RULES OF THE 11-NATION COUNCIL.

IN ANY EVENT, THE UNITED STATES WAS NOT EXPECTED TO OPPOSE COUNCIL DEBATE ON THE SOVIET COMPLAINT. U. S. SOURCES RECALLED THAT THE UNITED STATES ALWAYS HAS REFUSED TO OPPOSE DEBATE ON A COMPLAINT AGAINST ITSELF.

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